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Dear Bill:

The Community Intelligence Staff's study titled "Capabilities Against the Hostile Intelligence Threat 1983-1988" has stirred up interest and some controversy in other government agencies. Some of the controversy arises because different agencies have differing perceptions of the extent and success of Chinese espionage in the US. These differing perceptions often reflect a lack of knowledge of Chinese espionage activity and the FBI's considerable success against it.

As a partial remedy, I recommend that the FBI prepare sanitized narrative accounts of some of its more dramatic Chinese cases and distribute these accounts to other government agencies and to appropriate US missions abroad. Even though some of these cases are still active, it should be possible to protect FBI equities through extensive sanitization. Distribution of the accounts is a good way to sharpen awareness and promote cooperation elsewhere in the government.

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